

The Connecticut
Department
of Correction



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P.R.I.D.E.

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AT WORK



Class 226 Graduation - A Day to Celebrate Family

As the badges were being pinned on the cadets of Class 226, a father and son approached for their turn in the ceremony. On this Graduation Day there was a twist on tradition, however, when the son, Correction Officer Bryan Smith of Gates CI, pinned the badge for his cadet father. George Smith of York CI not only is following in the footsteps of his son who has been on the job for a year, but in doing so, dad made his son proud by being recognized with the Highest Scholastic Achievement Award with a 99.7% average. Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz talked about the importance of family in the corrections' profession to the 114 members of the class.



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Corrigan-Radgowski Octoberfest Anniversary

No matter what combination of highways and bi-ways you travel to get to the Corrigan-Radgowski CC, you can't get there without winding down the newly dedicated "Correction Officer John Ladd" facility road. The posthumous dedication ceremony attended by his daughter, Tammy Donath, was but one part of the facility's Octoberfest Anniversary Celebration that was filled with emotional moments, distinguished honors and celebration.

Warden Michael Lajoie played host to a number of dignitaries including Commissioner Theresa Lantz, Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy and the Commissioner's executive team. But the day belonged to the Corrigan-Radgowski family who laughed, cried and remembered with PRIDE as they recognized their best and brightest. The day marked the anniversaries of the Corrigan (10 years) and Radgowski (14 years) buildings which when opened were separate institutions.

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Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration

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About and for
correctional
professionals

October 24 -
November 6,
2004

Anniversary, Cont'd

Officer John Ladd, who worked his entire seven-year career within the agency at Corrigan before his death in 2001, was remembered as a father figure and mentor for the younger staff. He is one of the early guiding members of the agency's hostage negotiation team.

Following the accolades, speeches and occasional World Champion Red Sox references, staff and visitors were treated to a smorgasbord that included deep fried turkey, roast beef and enough side dishes to please everyone in the crowd. Staff paid for the spread with funds raised through a number of events.

Later in the day, family, friends and members of the public were invited to tour the facilities. They were then treated to both K-9 and CERT demonstrations against the backdrop of southeastern Connecticut foliage on a perfect autumn afternoon.

The following staff were recognized:

Staff members of the Decade:

1st Shift – CO Thomas Vergason

2nd Shift - CO Jesse Long

3rd Shift - LPN Susan Christie

Correction Officer of the Year:

Brett Owen

Employee of the Year:

Correction Officer Barbara Smith

Teacher of the Year:

State School Teacher Donna Ciesinski

Nurse of the Year:

CHN Peg Price



Correction Officer Vincent Yannacci dedicates "John Ladd Boulevard", as Tammy Donath looks on



Corrigan-Radgowski staff and family members share food and enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon

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A Weighty Competition

Monday morning, Central Office, 9:06 a.m., this writer suddenly experienced the floor starting to shake and the walls beginning to vibrate. Numerous staff cleared the halls while the cooks in Café 24 piled on extra servings of pancakes, sausage and other low calorie foods. This has been the routine since August as a literal Clash of the Titans takes place between the “Downstairs Dough Boyz” and the “Penthouse Pudgy Posse.” In reality it is a weight loss competition aimed at better staff wellness which pits the men and women of the Security Division against each other. Director Dennis Jones initiated the program out of concern for the dimensions of his Division. Each Monday morning, the seven Dough Boyz, starting weight 1,419 (you do the math) and the 10 members of the Pudgy Posse, starting weight 2,230 each pay \$5 and get weighed in. As of this issue of PRIDE, the Boyz were down 99 pounds, while the Posse has managed only 46.5. At times the competition has gotten nasty with Twinkees and other goodies appearing at random on desks throughout the Division. When all is said and done in November, the staff member who has lost the most receives 50% of the pot, second place 30% and third 20%. The big pay-off, no pun intended, is that the losers will take the winners to dinner. All area restaurants with all you can eat buffets have been alerted.



Food Service Appreciation Luncheon



(L-R) Food Services Director Robert Frank presents the Supervisor the Year Award to CFSS III Timothy Hughes

The Annual Food Service Awards Ceremony was held on October 19, 2004 to recognize those who have exceeded expectations throughout the year.

CFSS3 Tim Hughes from MYI was presented with a plaque recognizing him as the Food Service Supervisor of the Year. Also presented with plaques were Steve Plourde (Purchasing Unit), Jim Gotta (DAS) and CFSSM Dave Roston for appreciation for all of the work done on the new food vendor contract which began at the beginning of October.

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Around the cell block



Norway- To spice up the prison's monthly culture night, an inmate hired an exotic dancer who performed before officers could stop her.



Georgia- A former church bishop is in prison after authorities learned he is married to seven women.



England- To increase the respect shown inmates, correctional staff must now address them either by their first names or as Mr., Miss, or Mrs.



Pennsylvania- An inmate who escaped by stealing the officer's car he was assigned to work on has been captured 25 years later.



Food Service managers found themselves on the other side of the buffet table

Spiritual Fulfillment

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Deacon Dennis Dolan of the York CI was recognized at the 2004 Catholic Press Association Awards. An article about Dolan was written by author Connie Neuman. The article, entitled "Keeping it Real in an American Prison," won First Place for Best Feature article. The full article can be viewed on the Share the Word web site at www.sharetheword.net. The article describes Deacon Dolan's ministry in prison. Deacon Dolan has been a chaplain with the Connecticut Department of Correction since 1993. The judges commented that the article was "A practical and easy-to-read application of Christ's parable about the need to aid those in prison



that is presented honestly. Dolan was quoted in the article as saying, 'We take people where they are and do what we can.' The article also illustrated, according to the judges, that inmates have the same spiritual needs as those on the outside, a fact, thankfully, not lost on some, like prison Chaplain Dennis Dolan and the author, Connie Neuman." Congratulations on this notable accomplishment.

Did you know?

Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This week's issue was submitted by Joseph Suchecki who can be reached at 860-692-7592. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860-692-7554.



Solar Power Lighting - Did you ever arrive home only to find yourself fumbling in a dark driveway? I have and it can get pretty dark and scary at times. Perhaps you forget to leave the lights on or maybe you don't have any outdoor lighting at all. I've even called electricians, but they're too busy and don't want to be bothered with a small job. I know because I'm one of those guys. So, instead of getting mad, get even. Go out and buy Solar Power Lighting. They're great and best of all they don't require an electrician or wiring. It takes about 1 minute to install one. Remember one important fact - they need sunlight to work, the more the better; so locate them in direct sunlight where they can receive about 4 to 6 hours per day.

Solar power has been around for years and utilized by NASA for their satellites, spacecrafts, etc. If it's good enough for NASA, it's good enough for me. For those of us who are skeptical, here is how they work. Each light fixture contains a solar panel located on top of the fixture that converts daytime sunlight into electrical energy. This energy is stored in rechargeable batteries for later use by the fixture (most fully charged fixtures will stay illuminated for up to 10 hours).

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MVP's:

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| Aldi, John CS | McWCI |
| Ayala, Diogenes CO | MYI |
| Baker, Andrea CS | McWCI |
| Baldwin, Dennis L. CC | McWCI |
| Barone, Sandra CS | McWCI |
| Beaudry, Michael Capt | McWCI |
| Beaulieu, Jason Lt | CRCI |
| Bowles, William CFSS II | WCB |
| Brace, Kurt CFSS II | WCB |
| Brightaupt, Jon Capt | CO |
| Brill, Noiel CSFF III | WCB |
| Brunton, Mark CO | McWCI |
| Burke, Timothy Capt | McWCI |
| Camp, George CC | McWCI |
| Castonguay, Pamela Off Asst | MYI |
| Cay, Edwin CO | McWCI |
| Collazo, George CC | McWCI |
| Cormier, Neil CO | McWCI |
| Cox, Carl CFSS II | WCB |
| Croyle, Michael CTO | McWCI |
| Curley-Hallett, Kristin SST | MYI |
| Goodhall, Timothy CO | NCI |
| Gordon, Andrew CO | MYI |
| Glenney, Irvin CFS II | WCB |
| Grundy, Dale CO | MYI |
| Guzie, Melissa Off Asst | NCI |
| Kittridge, Clarence CFSS II | WCB |
| Kryznowek, Adam Maint Tech | MYI |
| Lane, Michael CC | McWCI |
| Maldonado, Edward Capt | McWCI |
| Martin, Timothy CFSS III | WCB |
| Martucci, Karen CC | McWCI |
| Maulucci, Nicholas CO | McWCI |
| McGuire, Joseph CTO | McWCI |
| Murray, David Voc Inst | CRCI |
| Nelson, Stacy Off Asst | McWCI |
| Powers, David CFSS II | WCB |
| Reynolds, Steven CO | NCI |
| Riley, Sandra Rec Spec I | MYI |
| Salius, Scott Lt | NCI |
| Smith, Robert CC | MYI |
| Stamp, Jeffrey CHN | MYI |
| Stoddard, Raymond CFSS II | WCB |
| Topolski, Thomas CFSS II | WCB |
| Wright, Cheryllee Rec Spec | McWCI |

Heart of Gold

According to Warden Wayne Choinski of Northern CI, Nancy Lieper is a one person pep rally. In the photo below, she is distributing pay checks in the NCI lobby. This is one of her duties that she adds her own pizzaz to. She is dressed for Halloween and giving out homemade brownies and other goodies to staff as they pick up their checks. Additionally, she decorates the lobby vestibule for every holiday and season. She volunteers for every committee and helps with all facility fund raisers. She also maintains the stress reduction lounge for staff. She truly has a heart of gold.

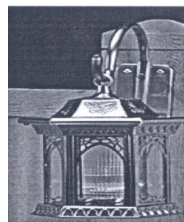


Secretary Nancy Leiper of Northern CI

Did you know?, Cont'd

A typical solar fixture basically has the following components:

- A plastic or metallic case with a light reflector, a solar cell panel
- A usually 2" x 2" mounted on top
- An energy storage device (single AA Nicad battery)
- A small controller board to regulate the output power
- An LED (Light Emitting Diode) or halogen bulb light source
- A photoresistor to detect darkness and turn the light fixture on



They are excellent for walkways, stairs, entrances, driveways, etc. These units come in different shapes and sizes as shown above, depending on your application and needs. They also have motion activated units which can be installed in the backyard, over the shed, and hard to install locations. Most of these fixtures produce about half of a candle's light output (about 3 watts). They are bright enough to illuminate a walking path or outside entrance.

This will make entering and exiting your home safer. More expensive light fixtures offer a higher light output (5 - 25 watts). They are a great alternative to outdoor lighting schemes.

Take a look around your neighborhood, on TV shows and in home improvement stores where you're sure to notice these types of fixtures.

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Condolences



Warden Gonzalez and the staff at MYI are saddened at the passing of Diane Martin, wife of Officer Brian Martin. Diane leaves 3 children, Alex age 9, Erin age 7 and Heather age 3. *See Calendar*

Calendar

November 27 - An event to show support for the family of Officer Brian Martin will be held at Cuginos Restaurant in Cheshire from 1p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The proceeds will be put into a fund for the Martin children. If you are unable to attend, donations can be made for placement into this fund as well. For more information contact MYI at 203-806-2582 and you will be directed to one of the coordinators, or e-mail Captain Brian Evelich at MYI for more information.



November 27- The MacDougall-Walker CI QWL Committee will sponsor a Holiday Shopping Trip to Wrentham Village Premium Outlets in Wrentham, MA. The Cost is \$20. The bus will leave the Kohls Shopping Plaza (Exit 48) in Enfield at 8:00 am and return at 8:00 p.m. Seats are first come, first served and your money reserves your seat. For tickets and additional information please contact Irene Kotiadis at 860.627.2289 or Tracy Hartshorn at 860.292.3462.

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Graduation, Cont'd

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"We welcome you and your loved ones into our extended correctional family which will support you unlike any other," said the Commissioner. The guest speaker for the ceremony was State Representative Elizabeth "Betty" Boukus, dressed in red, white and blue on Election Day. The Plainville lawmaker expressed the public's gratitude to the new graduates for the protection they will provide and urged them, "...to be the first in line..." whenever an opportunity for training and betterment presented itself. Representative Boukus also had family foremost on her mind. She stepped forward to pin on the badge of her son-in-law, Jason Santini, a new Correction Officer assigned to Garner CI. Boukus is also the mother of Counselor Helen Santini of the Victim Services Unit. Commissioner Lantz welcomed all the graduates by making clear they had joined the best correctional agency in the nation.

(Left) Cadet George Smith with his son, Bryan Smith, who pinned his father during the graduation ceremony

Class 227

Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz has announced that another correctional class will quickly follow on the footsteps of Class 226. Class 227 is scheduled to begin on November 12 and will have 124 members, representing correction officers, counselors and a number of other job classifications.

Congrats



Warden Moises Gonzalez and staff of Manson YI offer congratulations to Correction Officer David Goffredo and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Sophia, who was born on October 27, 2004. Olivia weighed in at 9 lbs 21 inches. Both mom and baby are doing well.

Years of Service

Employess with 20 Years of Service as of October 2004

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| Maureen Berube-Allen | Correction Officer | MacDougall-Walker CI |
| William Clapp | Correction Officer | Northern CI |
| Mario Fontaine | Correction Officer | Webster CI |
| William Laporte | Maintenance Supervisor | Robinson CI |
| Jacqueline Minzy | Correctional Counselor | Gates CI |
| Paula Perchell | Correction Officer | Webster CI |
| Donna Poole | Counselor Supervisor | Bridgeport CC |
| Michael Zacharewicz | Captain | Northern CI |

Employess with 25 Years of Service as of October 2004



Josephine Shabott Assoc. Fiscal/Admin. Ofcr. Central Office

Agency good neighbors

Gates CI - Major Raymond Coggeshall received an acknowledgement from the Central Baptist Church in Norwich, Connecticut thanking Correction Officers Tracy Golas and Jose Ortiz and an inmate work crew for providing much needed assistance at the church. Reverend Sheldon Keller, Pastor and Barbara Ricketts, Chairperson of the Property Committee stated, "The supervision provided by the officers resulted in making efficient use of time and enabled them to remove two more projects from their "to do" list. They arrived on time, were pleasant and courteous, and worked very hard. We appreciate this program and look forward to working with you again next year."

Job well done

Milagros Sanchez, HIV Counselor at Garner CI, was recently given a Recognition Award by the Department of Public Health for her "positive impact on persons affected/infected with HIV/AIDS."

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December 10 - Retirement party for Correction Officers Mario Fontaine and Carl

Dzienkiewicz of Webster CI will be held at Cugino's in Cheshire from 7 p.m. - until The cost is \$25.00 per person. For tickets contact C/O Faiella or C/O Pierce at 203.271.5933.



December 11 - MacDougall-Walker CI Holiday Party will be held at the Radisson Hotel in

Enfield from 6:00 p.m. until Midnight. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. A cash bar will be available all evening. For tickets and additional information please contact Irene Kotiadis at 860.627.2289 or Tracy Hartshorn at 860.292.3462.



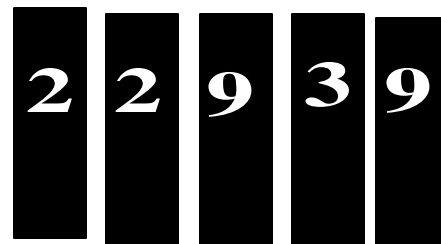
DOC 4th ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING
DECEMBER 10, 2004 2:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.
MCTSD

Dinner Buffet will be served!
Gingerbread House Competition, Santa/Child Photo,
Mrs. Santa, Music, Popcorn, Snow Cones,
Entertainment, Balloon Characters, Cotton Candy and more...

COME AND JOIN THE FAMILY FUN!

In this wonderful time of sharing and caring please donate an unwrapped gift to help support CT's Big Brother/Big Sister Programs.
Thank you!

Supervised Population on Nov. 4 2004



On Nov. 4, 2003 the population was 23,155.